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To provide for coverage of certain anti-cancer drug treatments under Medicare.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OBEY (for himself, Mr. BEILENSON, Mr. FARR, Mr. SKAGGS, Mr. KILDEE, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. WAXMAN, Mrs. KENNELLY, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. HOYER, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Ms. WATERS, and Mrs. CLAYTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 TITLE I—MEDICARE

4 **SECTION 101. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF CERTAIN ANTI-**
5 **CANCER DRUG TREATMENTS.**

6 (a) COVERAGE OF CERTAIN SELF-ADMINISTERED
7 ANTICANCER DRUGS.—Section 1861 (s)(2)(Q) of the So-

1 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)(Q)) is amend-
2 ed—

3 (1) by striking “(Q) and inserting “(Q)(i)”; and

4 (2) by striking the semicolon at the end and in-
5 serting “, and”; and

6 (3) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(ii) an oral drug (which is approved by the
8 Federal Food and Drug Administration) prescribed
9 for us as an anticancer nonsteroidal antiestrogen or
10 nonsteroidal antiandrogen agent for a given indica-
11 tion;”.

12 (b) UNIFORM COVERAGE OF ANTICANCER DRUGS IN
13 ALL SETTINGS.—Section 1861(t)(2)(A) of such Act (42
14 U.S.C. 1395x(t)(2)(A)) is amended by adding “(including
15 a nonsteroidal antiestrogen or nonsteroidal antiandrogen
16 regimen)” after “regimen”.

17 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
18 1834(j)(5)(F)(iv) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
19 1395m(j)(5)(F)(iv)) is amended by striking “prescribed
20 for use” and all that follows through “1861(s)(2)(Q))”
21 and inserting “described in Section 1861(s)(2)(Q)”.

22 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
23 this section shall apply to drugs furnished on or after the
24 date of the enactment of the Act.

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